

Riverside
Mardenhead
26 April 1854

My dear Sir

I have read your
Ms. with pleasure & information. You have done your
work, if I may venture an
opinion, extremely well: all
I doubt is, whether the Society
will print the ^{and its continuation} essay, so much
at large; especially with the
quotations from the original
ballads in their own library,
and to which any body may
refer. However, to me, who like
such matters especially, the

details are all interesting

There are some works which you seem not to have consulted, & which, I apprehend, you should look at, in order to take care that you are not forestalled in some of your information.

I have run the risk of inserting a few pencil-notes ^{regarding them} in your margin, which you can rub out easily, but which may possibly be of some use. If not disregard them entirely.

I have little ^{no} doubt that you are right about Sir Thomas Smith, but has not Ritson (Bibl. Pact. 335 & note) been before-hand with you?

The M.S. I return, but the original ballads ^{left} ~~sent~~ by you ^{for} to me at the library of our Society, are too valuable to be entrusted to the post: if

which is not likely
not lost, they might be crum-
pled or damaged, which is by
no means improbable. I re-
serve them until I can bring
them to London myself. I am

My dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely
J. Payne Collier

Robert Lemon Esq.

Esq. &c. &c.

You do not seem to be
aware that Sir Tho. Smith was
in the Tower, and dated a
book from thence in 1549. This
must be a point of importance
in your view of the subject.

My observation do not extend
to 1549.

My dear friend
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this
letter finds you the same. I have been thinking
much of late about the future of our country
and the state of the world. It seems to me
that we are passing through a great crisis
and that the result will determine whether
we are to remain a united people or become
a collection of warring states.

I have been reading much of the history of
the United States and of the world. It seems to me
that the principles of liberty and justice for all
people are the only ones that will lead to
the happiness and prosperity of the human race.
I hope that we shall be able to maintain these
principles in the face of all opposition.

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I am, dear friend, very truly yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison